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Women and Harm Reduction Assessment Tool

This resource is part of WHAI's **Women and Harm Reduction In Ontario: A Capacity Building Toolkit**, which was created to strengthen the work harm reduction programs do with women who use drugs.

This tool may be useful for assessing how accessible the program is to women who use drugs. As you build your familiarity with women and harm reduction, consider ways to increase accessibility. Remember, building capacity is a process. Implementing small, cost-effective steps can go a long way in improving the health and well-being of women who use drugs.

Below is a list of strategies identified by women who participated in this project to help foster women's engagement in / access to harm reduction programs. Review, and answer "Yes" or "Not Yet" to each.

Our harm reduction program...		YES	NOT YET
1	Employs women who use drugs and provides support for their professional development.		
2	Has various points of access for harm reduction supplies (e.g., a fixed site, an outreach program, a community site).		
3	Provides hygiene supplies (tampons, shampoo, underwear, etc.) and lighters.		
4	Provides various sizes of needles.		
5	Actively does harm reduction work with women who use drugs and are pregnant or parenting.		
6	Has harm reduction-based information, supports, and referrals available about pregnancy, infant feeding, and parenting.		
7	Provides sexual health supplies.		

